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Our popular Kid Glove. This glove wears well, fits well and is everything that is necessary in a Kid Glove; all sizes and shades; guaranteed.

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175 S. Howard St.

The advance class will dance next Friday evening instead of Thursday evening. Prof. W. F. Stickley.

## WILL LOSE

### The Canning Factory

Unless More Acreage Is  
Soon Secured.

Barberton Wants Plant  
Located There.

Negotiating For Purchase of  
the Bending Works.

Farmers Prepared to Guarantee  
Supply of Vegetables.

The farmers in the vicinity of Akron have an opportunity to establish a new industry in this city, which will directly redound to the benefit of their own pockets.

The Akron Canning company, recently organized, is securing pledges from the farmers to grow vegetables for the factory. Thus far the work has not progressed rapidly. The company is desirous of locating in Akron, although other cities have offered a bonus for the new industry.

The farmers near Barberton are taking a greater interest in the project, and it is not unlikely that the Magic City will capture the plant. Negotiations are being made for the purchase of the New Portage Bending works, which would furnish suitable quarters for the concern.

"The company has no desire to leave Akron," said Mr. R. M. Pilmore, Friday, "and if we can possibly secure sufficient co-operation on the part of the farmers to warrant it, we will build a factory in this city. Our machinery has been purchased and we confidently expected to locate here. For some reason it is easier to secure a larger acreage around Barberton. We want at least 500 acres to start with. The first year we will can corn, beans and tomatoes. An experienced man from New York will have charge of the plant. We have received letters from farmers in other parts of the State, who say that raising products for a canning factory is far more profitable than growing wheat or Indian corn. When the farmers of Summit county fully understand our methods, we will have more demands for contracts than we can fill."

Other parts of the county would like to secure the factory, but it is definitely understood that the location will be either in Akron or Barberton.

Kid gloves, the best on earth, for \$1.25 and \$1.50.

P. H. Schneider Co.

Matinee dance at XX Century hall

Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock.

72c per couple. Ladies 25c.

W. F. STICKLEY.

Dr. Cone's Loss.

A serious loss not mentioned in

the account of the fire, befell Dr.

Orello Cone, former president of the

college. His goods were stored on

the fourth floor. A library of rare

books was lost together with much

valuable furniture. The loss is difficult

to estimate. It is not known

whether the goods were insured or not.

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### Joint Meeting.

A joint meeting of the Philomathean and Academic societies was

held Friday afternoon. A number

of visitors were present. The program

followed: Violin duet, Lizzie

Voris, Carl Glover; recitation, Ruth

Davidson; declamation, Harold

Langdon; Philomathean journal,

Emma Holloway; declamation,

Henry Fuesst; essay, Carrie James;

oration, Dora Roepke; Academic

journal, Robert Haugh.

### The Oldest in Ohio.

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21-year-old Golden Wedding.

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Sunday, December 24,

—AT—

Turner Hall.

An excellent program has been prepared for the occasion and presents for the children.

The tickets, 25c per person, entitles the holder to prize. Everybody invited.

## S. & G.'s Specials

For week ending Saturday, December 30, inclusive.

3 bars Savon Glycerine Soap for... 25c

6 packages Corn Starch for... 25c

2 lbs. 20c Maracaibo Coffee (without... 30c

4 1/2 lbs. Prunes for... 25c

### Sugars.

18 1/2 lbs. Granulated Sugar for... \$1.00

20 lbs. White A for... \$1.00

22 lbs Extra C for... \$1.00

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## DIG

At Editor Kohlsaat.

Senator Foraker Defends His Statement.

Oom Paul Complains to Uncle Sam

About American Merchants and Manufacturers.

Says They Are Selling England Munitions of War.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(Spl.)—Senator Foraker, in answer to the statements concerning the authorship of the Gold Plank of the Republican platform of 1896, said today:

"The statements published in the Chicago Times-Herald by Mr. Payne, Governor Merriam, Senator Hanna and Senator Proctor did not conflict with any statement that has been made by me. Neither do they help in any way Mr. Kohlsaat. The point at issue was whether or not Mr. Kohlsaat drafted the gold plank and forced its adoption upon the committee. These statements show that he had nothing whatever to do with the framing of that plank, except in common with the other Republicans, and refutes absolutely his claim of its authorship."

### England Cheers Up.

London, Dec. 22.—(Spl.)—Lord Salisbury and General Roberts had a conference with the Queen at Windsor this afternoon. Communion with General Methuen has not been cut off as was reported. There is no diminution of enthusiasm among the volunteers. All kinds of offers are reaching Lord Chesham.

Flatulence is cured by BROWN'S PILLS.

## SOME LUCKY KISSES.

A Number That Carried Good Fortune with Them.

Fortunate Individuals Enriched by Small Marks of Affectionate Attention—What a Dog's Kiss Brought.

A merry schoolboy at a Christmas party crept behind the chair of an old lady with a little sprig of mistletoe in his hand, and holding it over her head, gave her a hearty kiss. She laughed, well pleased with the compliment, and pretended to box his ears. Years passed, and he had quite forgotten the trifling incident. His merry boyhood had merged itself into troubled manhood. Misfortune dogged his footsteps, and the struggle of life was growing ever harder, when one morning a letter reached him from a firm of solicitors stating that a client of theirs had just died, bequeathing to him a legacy of \$500. When he reached the lawyer's he found that it was the old maiden lady who had remembered him with affection. As she said in her will, she had never forgotten the kiss under the mistletoe.

Still more fortunate, though in quite another way, was the gentleman who, when leaving home hurriedly to catch his train, was stopped by his little daughter, who ran after him to bid him good-by. He caught her up quickly in his arms and gave him such an impetuous kiss right on one of his eyes that it drove some of the lashes in which hurt him so much he was obliged to delay his journey. A few hours after he learned that the very train which he had intended traveling by had collided with another, and that several of the passengers were killed and injured, and among the former being the friend whom he was to have joined for the journey.

Another lucky kiss to be recorded was that where an important position in a large firm was obtained through a kiss. Many candidates for the vacant post were gathered in the outer office awaiting an interview, when the senior partner passed through with his favorite dog at his heels.

Suddenly the dog left his master and made straight to where the young man was standing and, jumping on a chair near, kissed him, as much as to say: "This is the one for the place." His master observed the act, and chose the recipient of the kiss, declaring that he had as much faith in canine favorite that he thought he could not be much at fault. He never had cause to regret his dog's selection.

An even more lucky kiss is on record. A wealthy old lady had a serious difference with her relatives, and for many years had refused to have any communication with them. One day, as was her wont, the old lady was being wheeled along the street, accompanied by her two little pet dogs, when one of them happened to pause for breath near a young schoolgirl. With an exclamation of delight the latter caught up the little animal in her arms and pressed a quick kiss on its head and then set it tenderly down and continued her way again.

The old lady was a witness of this mark of attention to her favorite. That simple little kiss pressed on the dog's head was the beginning of a reconciliation between the old lady and her relatives. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

## MEN OF MIGHTY FEET.

If They Were Not Giants They Were at Least Uncommonly Large on the Ground.

Was the great west inhabited by a race of giants in prehistoric days? R. B. Laird, a New England geologist who has spent many months in making investigations in the canyons, table lands and gorges of Arizona, claims to have new evidence that it was. He left for the east the other night with his evidence in the shape of a voluminous typewritten manuscript carefully put away in a handbag. He declined to make public the full purport of the document.

Mr. Laird makes no boast at having had a hand in the investigation, but says the discoveries were made by a guide who has been a resident of Williams, A. T., for many years, and who has been in every nook and cranny of the mountains in that district. The claim that there existed in prehistoric times a race of giants is old, but proofs are not found every day. In this case they were found in the shape of immense footprints which have become hardened in the limestone formations of the district.

To substantiate his statements Mr. Laird carries with him several photographs, showing by comparison with the foot of a miner the relative size of the giant's foot. Some idea of its great size can be gained when it is seen that the depression in the rock strata caused by the great foot is more than twice as large as the miner's foot. The fact that animals in prehistoric periods were of such immense size is advanced as an argument that man was also abnormally large. Laird is a firm believer in this theory. —Kansas City Journal.

## Crocodiles for the Thames.

That much-maligned reptile the crocodile is, in fact, a friend of man, though he tries—generally with success—to hide a sentiment of which perhaps he is ashamed as a weakness. He is an active sanitarian, his special line being the purification of rivers and lakes. With such a certificate of character before them, some of our river conservancies may be stimulated to secure the services of a few vigorous crocodiles. With these in our rivers and a sufficient supply of eels in our reservoirs and estuaries, the difficult problem of water purification might be finally solved. —British Medical Journal.

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## WONDERFUL CORN PAINTINGS

So True to Nature That a Blind Man Can Count the Kernels—A Farmer Artist.

Commissioner Peck has written a letter to Alfred Montgomery, the "farmer painter" of Bloomington, Ill., notifying him that the picture "Down on the Farm" will be shown at the Paris exposition next year.

In painting this picture, Mr. Montgomery has accepted the challenge of James Whitcomb Riley, who in his ballad, "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin and the Fodder's in the Shock," says that the farm presents a picture that "no painter has the color in" to mock. Mr. Montgomery at once called the attention of the Bloomer poet to this challenge and he announced that he would accept it.

The picture has been completed and was shown to Mr. Peck in Chicago recently. It is six feet long and three feet wide and represents a farm in the time of the year suggested by the ballad. A panel of rail fence is made to do service for a frame and into this the painting has been thrust as if it had dropped and had caught there.

Montgomery lives on a little place on the border of the town, which he calls a farm. He claims that he has taken no lessons save from nature. He has painted during a period of 30 years hundreds of farm scenes. It is claimed that so realistic are some of the ears of corn seen in the pictures that they have at different times attracted the nibble of horse and the peck of a hen. The artist told the writer that the man who seemed most to appreciate his work was blind. In painting the grains on the ears, he had made them stand out so that the sightless critic went over the canvas with his fingers, feeling almost every grain. Mr. Montgomery himself says that in this making the grains stand out, he has been accused of cutting off the ends of ear grains and pasting them on the canvas, but this charge he dismisses with a disdainful laugh.

The artist exhibits hundreds of letters from well-known Chicagoans who have purchased his corn pictures. He delivered one to ex-Comptroller Eklund the other day. He has been referred to as "the James Whitcomb Riley in art."

The farmer artist is exceedingly odd in his habits. Some time ago he appeared in the Auditorium hotel in farm garb, with a basket of huge red, white and yellow ears of corn. He checked the basket and invited the manager out in the hall to see one of his corn pictures.

Montgomery uses up an astonishing amount of energy. He will walk down the street loaded with sufficient paraphernalia and pictures to fill a cart. One day, it is said, he arrived at the railroad depot in Lake Geneva with his load just as the train was pulling out. He wanted the conductor to wait, but the latter wouldn't; whereupon the artist began loading the front end of the cars as they passed him, jumping on the last car himself.

The farmer artist says he will take his family and go to Paris with his pictures. It is said that he has made money from the sale of the wonderful products of his brush. He says he is building a villa in some eastern state and after the exposition he will settle there for the remainder of his life. —Chicago Record.

## VAUDEVILLE VENTRILOQUISM.

An Old-Time Specialty That Is Said to Be About Played Out—A Delusion.

"Ventriloquism as a vaudeville specialty is about played out," said a veteran showman, recently. Of course we know nowadays that there is no such thing as "throwing the voice," and that it is simply an illusion in which the eye plays a bigger part than the ear. For instance, a man is seated on the stage with a mechanical dummy on his knee, and you hear a voice. The man's face is stiff and the jaws of the dummy are wagging—naturally you jump at the conclusion that the voice comes from the doll. If you were right beside them you'd know better, but you're too far away to exactly locate the sound. That's the principle of the whole thing, but in the old days the voice-throwing theory was generally accepted.

"I remember in the season of '89-'90, I was manager for a clever prestidigitator who was also a ventriloquist. He claimed to be able to throw his voice 42 feet, and 'lead it in a space 10 inches in diameter,' as you might speak of pitching a baseball or a quail. It was a most absurd contention, but he stuck to it—even to me in private, and we had a stock story we used to work off on the country papers, about him appearing at a coroner's inquest and making the corpse accuse a suspected person of murder. 'At that instant,' the climax ran, 'a hollow voice issued from the dead man's throat.' It was a very thrilling yarn, and in the course of time my boss got to believe it himself, and would narrate the details with every evidence of good faith. During a performance he used to order everybody off the stage, but occasionally I would sneak around behind and listen through a peephole, and it was wonderful how the illusion was lost.

"Frequently, on the road, he would be embarrassed by requests to 'throw his voice' into this thing or that to further some practical joke, and would always reply that 'his larynx was a trifle inflamed.' Still he was a capital ventriloquist—one of the very best, I believe, that was ever in the business." —Philadelphia Press.

## Stepping Stones.

"Mrs. Carter doesn't seem to be rising rapidly in society."

"No; she hasn't learned yet how important it is to snub the right people."

—Puck.

The Derby and District Methodist says that R. W. Parks, M. P., recently attended the Anglican church in a certain continental capital, when the venerable clergyman who officiated read a sermon which, at any rate, prevented the congregation from going to sleep, for as his theme developed he described his hearers as criminals, the children of thieves, drunkards, etc. After awhile it dawned upon the preacher that he was reading the wrong discourse—he was a prison chaplain—so he brought it to an abrupt conclusion.

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